(d) if so, what steps have been taken to investigate the matter and fix the responsibility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (d) The matter is subjudice and therefore, it would not be in public interest to furnish the requisite details.

Incidental facilities to drug producers

672. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 769 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th July, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 8 per cent incidental facilities are allowed even to those who do not incur them;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that leading producers of formulations have their own production and they do not incur sales tax, Octroi, Transport charges etc;

(d) if so, what is the justification;

(e) whether it is a fact that M/s. May and Baker M/s Unique, M/s. Unichem are the producers of bulk drug and their formulations;

(f) if so, on what basis Rupees Four Crores extra per annum was given to these companies for the past four years;

(g) what is the rate of Glycol allowed to each of the producers in cost studied by BICP; and

(h) whether it is also a fact that BICP allowed the rates of Glycol based on quotations and not on purchase invoices of reasonable quantity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (f) Sir, while fixing the price of formulations, only in the case of ceiling packs, whose prices are notified in the Official Gazette and have to be followed by all manufacturers of those pack, incidentals are allowed at 8 per cent without any verification.

(g) and (h) At the time of Cost-cum-Technical Study, BICP allows an average price of raw materials, etc., on the basis of latest audited accounts and balance sheet.

Reduction in the prices of Sulphamoxole

673. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 759 given the Rajya Sabha on the 25th July and state:

(a) the basis on which Government have reduced the price of Sulphamoxole from Rs. 430/- to Rs. 399/- per kg. as recommended by BICP;

(b) whether it is a fact that this reduction was withheld for one year by Government and as a result of which the producer gained Rs. 60 lakhs;

(c) what steps have been taken to bring the instance of misnomer to the notice of the Chairman of BICP and Ministry of Industry;

(d) what are the names of drugs where Government reduced the prices then recommended by BICP from 1st January, 1990 to 31st July 1991; and

(e) what was the price remommended by BICP and what price was fixed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The price of Sulphamoxole was reduced from Rs. 430/- to Rs. 399/- per kg. on the basis of detailed scrutiny and examination of relevant issues carried out in this Department.

(b) No, Sir. Certain clarifications were sought from BICP and thereafter the cost cum technical report was examined in this department. This whole exercise including notification of the price in the official gazette took some time.

(c) to (e) The prices of category I and category II scheduled drugs